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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 622
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A RESOLUTION to recognize the work of the contracting firm of Phillips & Jordan, Inc. in clearing the World Trade Center site from the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack.

WHEREAS, the devastation caused by the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan left a colossal heap of rubble in which the remains of victims and rescuers were entombed, creating a removal task requiring sensitivity to human sensibilities as well as significant understanding of the engineering problems created by the unstable building remains; and

WHEREAS, when the City of New York and the Federal Emergency Management Agency called the Corps of Engineers to deal with the removal issue, the Corps of Engineers contacted the Knox County-based-contracting firm of Phillips & Jordan, Inc. to survey the site and analyze the removal problems; the Corps made its selection based upon work done by Phillips & Jordan, Inc. in seven New England states, Florida and Texas and in disaster recovery from Hurricanes Andrew, Opal, Fran, Bonnie, Irene, Floyd, Hugo, and other natural disasters; and

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WHEREAS, Phillips & Jordan, Inc. is a general and specialty contractor with regional offices in Zephyrhills, Orlando and Ft. Myers, Florida; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; Raleigh, Wilmington and Robbinsville, North Carolina; and California and Arizona, in addition to its Knoxville headquarters off Callahan Road; the company was established in 1953 by William "Ted" Phillips, Sr. and was incorporated in 1959; and

WHEREAS, fate smiled upon Ted Phillips when he met and married his accomplished wife, Avis; he is fortunate to have shared her love and support over the years, as well as that of their high achieving children; and

WHEREAS, Ted Phillips, Sr., company chairman and chief executive officer, and Ted Phillips, Jr., vice chairman and vice president, head a firm with approximately 100 employees on its Knoxville payroll and about 650 employees total; its annual revenues total about \$100 million, derived from disaster recovery, excavation, industrial and commercial construction, community development, golf course construction and environmental work, among other activities; and

WHEREAS, the selection of Phillips & Jordan, Inc. for the formidable task of removing the World Trade Center debris is an acknowledgement of its excellence and preeminence in its field; the fact that nearly one million tons of rubble have been removed from the site, including all material left above grade level, and that recovery of victims' remains, personal belongings and evidence continues in an effective manner at the Fresh Kills Landfill of Staten Island stands as a testament to Phillips & Jordan's mastery of the project; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to acknowledge the valuable contributions of Phillips and Jordan, Inc. to the national recovery from the traumatic effects of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the management and employees of Phillips & Jordan, Inc. for their exemplary, efficient and sensitive work in removing the aftermath

of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack upon the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, and express our pride in their contribution to national recovery from the trauma of that attack.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.